

DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

“What it takes to be Jesus teammate”

1. Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other
2. Review the Big Idea: What did you hear this morning?

The Christian life is a unique partnership. It’s unique, because the God who created the heavens and the earth wants to partner with me! When we first think about partnering with God one of the things we consider is how great the expectation is to be God’s teammate. In reality, this partnership requires us to be willing, because what God is looking for, is whether or not we are available to Him to participate and be actively involved in what He is doing in the world.

THE KIND OF PERSON JESUS TEAMS UP WITH...

1. TREATS KNOWLEDGE AS SOMETHING TO BE APPLIED, NOT JUST ACQUIRED

“I assure you that any sin can be forgiven, including blasphemy; but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. It is an eternal sin.”

Mark 3:28-29 [NLT]

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”

1 Corinthians 8:1 [NIV]

2. TREATS STABILITY AS SOMETHING TO HELP OTHERS, NOT JUST HOARD YOURSELF

“Jesus replied, ‘Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?’ Then he looked at those around him and said, ‘These are my mother and brothers.’”

Mark 3:33-34 [NLT]

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:4 [NIV]

- *What did you learn this week? How did the message help you understand the kind of person Jesus considers to be his teammate?*
- *In what ways is the teaching of this passage different than what you had assumed about the kind of people Jesus would pick for his team?*

- *If Jesus was picking a team today do you think he'd pick you? Why or why not?*
- *In what ways can you grow to become the kind of person that Jesus teams up with?*

'RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD'

- *How have you assumed that other people are more suitable to team up with Jesus than you? Have you been intimidated by people who know more about the Bible or who have been around Christianity for longer than you? How was Sunday's message an encouragement to you?*

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DOES JESUS CONSIDER TO BE HIS TEAMMATE?

ANYONE WHO'S WILLING TO PLAY HIS SPORT OF REACHING THE WORLD!